

**REMARKS**

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated September 29, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, Applicant has amended Fig. 1 as indicated in red in the attached annotated sheet showing changes. Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. Applicants believe the foregoing amendment places the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4, 6-9, 11, 13-20, 22, 24, 26 and 32-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,650,388, issued to Ohta et al. (hereafter “Ohta”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because Ohta is not valid prior art against the claims of the present application. The present application claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 2000-4748, filed on January 31, 2000. Ohta has a filing date of January 11, 2001. As such, the priority date of the present application antedates the filing date of Ohta. To perfect this claim for priority, Applicant files herewith a certified English translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2000-4748. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 3,5-7, 10, 12, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28-31 and 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohta. As stated above with respect to the § 102 rejection, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection without reaching the merits of the Ohta disclosure because Ohta is not valid prior art against the claims of the present application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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